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PRESENT METHOD UNFAIR:
Expert Says "Count Only Touchdowns
and Goals From Field."

"The close of the football season suggests some very necessary changes in the rules which govern the game, which must be made before anything like fairness can be insured," are the words of an expert who has closely followed the work of the college teams this year.

"First of all comes the rule of goal kicking," he says, "that solecism of the football world which is a relic of heaven knows how many ages, and has caused no end of bitter disappointments, heartaches and lost championships.

"A few years ago it was the rule that touchdowns should count four, goal from touchdowns two and goals from field five.

Then the kicking of the goal meant the winning or losing of a game in many cases, and the dropping of a goal from the field was better than a touchdown without a goal. The rule was then altered so that a touchdown counted five, a goal from the field five and a goal from touchdown one. That placed goals from the field and touchdowns on the same level.

"The question of rating a touchdown and a goal from the field is no easy matter. But that one team can beat another by making a touchdown and kicking a goal when the other team has made a touchdown and missed the goal, perhaps because of a bad angle, a gust of wind or some little freak of nature is manifestly unfair.

"Had Michigan kicked a goal she would have tied Pennsylvania. Had Yale kicked a goal from her touchdown she would have tied Princeton. Here are two cases which in themselves show the unfairness of the system of counting now used.

"Yale had played a magnificent game and victory was in her grasp. The goal from the field which Poe made was enough to win the game, because Yale had failed to make a goal from touch-down.

"The goal from a touchdown puts a premium on one part of the goal line over the other. If a team has carried the ball fifty yards for a touchdown and then gets over in the corner of the field there is but one alternative, a punt out, which is a risky operation.

"For these and other obvious reasons there seems to be but one thing to do: Abolish goal kicking. There is no reason in the trick, and nothing particularly in keeping with the game as it is played. For a game that has been carried to the point of science that football has, the rules are in this matter very crude. It has perhaps been clung on to by the committee because it is a kicking trick, and the idea that the game is called football seems to demand a retention of all the kicking. But the custom is a solecism, and should be laid aside.

"Other rules which need some attention are the powers of an umpire over the men who are not in the game. In the Harvard-Yale and Yale Princeton games particularly, there was much coaching from the side lines. This is against the spirit of football and against the rules. Dashiell, who umpired these games, spoke of it, but there was nothing he could do.

"Then in the Yale-Princeton game a Princeton sub, Duncan, was sent out to the field by a coach, right in the midst of the game. He started on the run, whispered to Captain Edwards, and ran to the other side. The Yale men hissed, and Umpire Dashiell stopped to reprimand him, and threatened to put him from the field. But of what avail? He had told his secret.

"In all of the games there is something of the same sort. Every time a trainer goes on the field with his man, to fix a couple, he has instructions from the side lines. The spirit of this is bad. It does not make the game unfair, but it does detract from the interest in the game. The game should be a battle of men and their knowledge—not of coaches and football experts. There are two ways to stop this; first, by college feeling, and second, by prohibiting coaches on the side line.

"College and public sentiment can do much. A few years ago it became necessary to legislate against wedges and mass plays. It seemed to result in less injuries. But the greatest factor in the improvement of the game was the awakening of men to the sense that games must be clean. And less injuries result now because college men are trained and coached from the start not to slug and not to try to injure an opponent.

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TEA TABLE TALK.

While the world has become familiar with the name of Marconi and his wonderful system of telegraphing without the medium of wires, very few people here are aware that this city has a young man whose inventive genius runs in the same direction as Marconi's. It is a fact, known to a small group of us, that a young fellow who holds a pretty important night position in town has been conducting experiments in wire less telegraphy for number of weeks now, and with considerable success. Indeed, it is not impossible that Marconi may be beaten in his own field. I am under bonds not to divulge the name of this local expert.

I have noticed lately that sound travels over the local telephone wires more clearly than it used to. That embarrassing humming and buzzing is not so apparent, by half. One of my friends who uses the phone frequently suggests that the improvement is due to placing the wires under ground. I don't know why this might not be so. Anyway, it is more of a pleasure to throw your voice through the phone now than it was formerly.

This continued waging of football games in the newspapers has become very tiresome. That last game is all over; the dead have been buried, the injured are all about able to hobble around, and the few who were so fortunate as to have their lives spared have fired blunderbusses and ripped the air with yell, even as the victorious Greeks and Romans of old. Then why not let the thing drop? The general public doesn't care a half-penny now whether Jiggs "plunked" Jaggs in the thorax intentionally or merely through a misapprehension. It is of no longer any consequence whether one fellow had all his teeth poked out with a meat ax, or whether somebody else suffered a general smashup of six ribs because twenty-one friends jumped on him all together and held a war dance on his prostrate form. It was a great and glorious battle; that is universally acknowledged. Hair was pulled freely, faces were slapped, and there was carnage enough to suit a Spanish bullfighter. Now stop this absurd scrapping on paper. The public is heartily sick of it.

It appears that the ferryboat Newmarket sounded her own doom. When the upper works of the burning vessel fell in, somehow the whistle was blown twice, as a signal that her days were all over. The dwellers on Badger's Island were somewhat startled by the unusual knell.

It seems strange to see a nobby new clock in the police court room. The one that was discarded recently had ticked away faithfully there for thirty years, always in the same place on the wall.

It did wonderfully good service, and the policemen and reporters regarded it as an old friend.

I heard somebody connected with the police department suggest, the other day, that a gymnasium be fitted up somewhere for the use of the officers. It is an excellent idea. The police in other cities have such a place, and the daily training obtainable there has never failed to work greatly to their advantage.

Undoubtedly a gym would be received very favorably by the members of the Portsmouth force.

There are now thirty two horses in the Maplewood farm stable. Tom Marsh is busy about every day trying out the racers. The veteran driver has not yet sent the new acquisition, Axello, over the track, but will probably soon do so. All the horses are in pretty good condition, barring those that have been sick. At one time seven were ailing, and Dr. Murphy had his hands full caring for them.

Rev. Myron Tyler, in the course of his sermon at the Court street Christian church, on Sunday morning, said that there are too many baked beans, loaves of brown bread, and Sunday newspapers in this country to admit of the church attendance that ought to be accorded every pastor. In other words, he intimated that Sunday is the lazy day of the week, and that folks lie in bed, gorge themselves with "grub" or devote forty-page papers, instead of going to divine worship. And the reverend gentleman wasn't half wrong.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS FROM
OUR SUBURBAN TOWNS.

KITTERY.

KITTERY, Me., Dec. 5.
Mail addressed to the following persons has remained uncalled for during the month of November:

Bacon, Miss Estella;
Marci, Mr. J. W. (Sch. Madeline);
Watson, Miss Mamie.

At the Wentworth hall this evening occurs the lecture of Hon. W. W. Stetson, state superintendent of schools and an entertainment by the scholars of the high school.

E. G. Parker post, No. 99, G. A. R., will meet at headquarters on Thursday evening, Dec. 7 at 7:30 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year.

Regular meeting this evening of Constitution Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Yesterday afternoon the five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira C. Keene, who was accidentally shot July 8, was successfully operated on by Dr. E. E. Shapleigh and the bullet extracted.

Fred Bradbury of Dover was in town today.

Mrs. Joseph Patch is restricted to her home by illness.

Injunctions have been placed on several road houses in the lower part of the town.

The Rockingham whist club meets next Monday evening with Morris B. Dow.

The Grange will hold a meeting on Wednesday evening, Dec. 6th, when the third and fourth degrees will be worked and a turkey supper will be served.

Miss Ella Hurd will give a reading at the town hall on Wednesday evening, Dec. 12th.

The K. of P. minstrel show will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 12.

Goodwin Council, No. 4, will work the degrees on Friday evening. A paper will be read by Brother John Watson and refreshments served.

The Orient degree team will work with eleven candidates on Saturday evening.

George E. Ricker and family are about to move from town.

E. H. Walker of the Union house, who has been in Florida for his health, will return next week.

George H. Tucker has been engaged to transport the scholars to the center school another term.

The members of Goodwin council attended service at the Baptist church, Sunday, when Rev. Frank Parker preached an excellent patriotic sermon.

WILL BACK.

MISS RUTH DUNLEY OF SOMERVILLE IS VISITING MR. AND MRS. E. D. MOUTON ON BREAKFAST HILL ROAD.

E. C. DANIELS PASSED THE DAY IN BOSTON ON BUSINESS.

AN UNUSUALLY HIGH TIDE WAS WITNESSED ALONG THE SHORES OF GREAT BAY YESTERDAY.

E. W. HOLMES WAS A VISITOR IN PORTSMOUTH MONDAY.

MASON'S BEGAN PLASTERING THE NEW HOUSE OF W. A. ODELL THIS MORNING.

THIS KIND OF WEATHER BRINGS SMILES ON THE FACES OF THE SMELT FISHERMEN.

A SLIGHT SNOW SQUALL WAS NOTICED IN THIS TOWN THIS MORNING.

MR. HERBERT A. TUTTLE WILL LEAVE FOR EAST KINGSTON TOMORROW.

THE STRATHAM FOOTBALL TEAM ARE TO PLAY A GAME ON THE HOME GRIDIRON TONIGHT.

DOVER POINT.

DOVER POINT, Dec. 5.
The schooner C. B. REARDON, Capt.

FREEMAN, with 6000 bricks from Abbott's yard, Eliot, Me., sailed for Boston Sunday.

PETER LOUGHIN SHIPPED 4000 BRICKS TO DOVER BY RAIL YESTERDAY.

THE SHAKESPEARE CLUB, NEWINGTON WILL GIVE ANOTHER OF THOSE POPULAR WHIST PARTIES AT THE TOWN HALL THERE NEXT WEDNESDAY EVENING WEATHER PERMITTING. A CORDIAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED TO ALL.

MISS IDA M. PINKHAM, WHO HAS BEEN VISITING IN BOSTON AND VICINITY FOR SEVERAL DAYS HAS RETURNED HOME.

RICHARD PRAY, ESQ., OF PORTSMOUTH WAS HERE SUNDAY CALLING ON FRIENDS.

MESSRS. HARRY CLARK AND THURSTON SMART OF PORTSMOUTH WERE HERE SUNDAY CALLING ON FRIENDS.

MISS MABEL MORANG RETURNED HOME SUNDAY NIGHT FROM A VISIT WITH FRIENDS AT EVERETT, MASS.

IRA CHESTER FULLER, WHO HAS BEEN THE GUEST OF HIS GRANDPARENTS FOR SEVERAL DAYS HAS RETURNED HOME.

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WATER FRONT NEWS.

Reported in the lower harbor Dec. 5.—Schooner A. W. Ellis, Ryde, New York, Rockland, coal.

Sailed Dec. 5.—Schooners J. Holmes Birdsall, Norfolk; John M. Fiske, Rockland; burgo C. R. B. No. 1, Port Johnson.

Over 75,000 pounds of cod fish were brought into Newell & Co.'s, Monday, and were packed in ice for the Boston and New York markets. Last year, they brought ten cents a pound, and were very scarce at that.

Last evening at Newton & Co.'s dock, one of the most unusual sights could be seen when a big school of herring struck in, and the water was completely alive with them. At one time, Sherman Newton says if a net had been handy they could have taken 500 pounds easily.

While Portland is in the midst of a coal famine and the situation there is fast becoming serious, there seems to be plenty of coal here. There has been almost a congestion of coal in the railroad yard. For the past two or three days, on every siding have been long trains of loaded coal cars, the greater part of them filled to go up over the Concord branch of the Boston & Maine railroad to Manchester and cities north of there. Others are intended for Dover, Somersworth, Rochester and the north. While extra trains have been carrying this great amount out, more has been arriving to this port by two English steamers of the Dominion line from Cape Breton has all been shipped away. With pleasant weather, so as not to delay navigation, more coal will be received here during this month than ever in the history of this port for a corresponding month.

DEAFNESS CANNOT BE CURED

By local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed for ever; nine cases out of ten are caused by catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces.

WOMEN'S REALY

MORNING ROBES.

Pretty and Graceful Designs to Wear in the Bedroom—Two Materials Used. A morning robe that is both pretty and graceful to slip on while arranging the toilette is made of light weight mannae striped with a broad band of old rose and a tiny one of green, on a background of pale yellow. Nine yards of material are required to make such a gown for a person of medium height with half a yard of rose, green or deep cream brilliantine for the yoke and band around the foot of the skirt. This morning gown may be made on a wrapper pattern if care is taken to curve the seams so that there will be a graceful flare in the bang of the



MORNING ROBE.

skirt. The sides and back of the waist fit closely while the front falls loose. A cord to match the yoke finished with a large round ball confines the skirt at the waist.

The brillantine yoke is almost round and the neck is finished with a band of the same material or ribbon. The sleeves are very long and flowing, slightly smaller than angel sleeves, and like the foot of the skirt are bordered with a three-inch band of the brillantine.

An Evening Coiffure.

The ostrich tip has superseded the aigrette in the evening coiffure. As here illustrated it should droop over the bang. The hair must puff a little back of the ears and under the knot:



OSTRICH TIP COIFFURE.

and the fashionable curls must fall on the neck, but they should be longer than here pictured if the neck is very long.

Fashion and Its End.

Fashion is a two-fold movement. In its large evolution a type dominates for some generations or so, with modification so slow as to be unperceived, the result of social conditions prevailing in the civilized world, forming the drift that is referred to above that is not controlled; in its special action it is a variation from season to season, and from day to day, a constant individual creation on the same general theme. This second movement is the one that is popularly recognized. It is due to woman's present social status, which forces her to constant effort to set herself off from other women, or to emulate other women, by her dress, as men are forced to emulate other men or to distinguish themselves from the mass of men by force or by intellect. The end pursued by both is singularity, that is to say distinction from others, and with women distinction by beauty.

Canned Fruit.

Canned fruit should be emptied immediately after opening. Often a most dangerous acid is formed by the chemical action of the air upon the solder of the cans. It is this acid, indeed, which is responsible for much of the prejudice against canned food. Many of the reported accidents have been traced to this form of kitchen carelessness.

Clever Girls.

Miss Lizzie Lestander of Clond Clif, Okla., has raised a company of girls whom she calls tough riders. They are all equestrians and sharpshooters, and can hit a silver dollar at a distance of 100 yards while on the run.

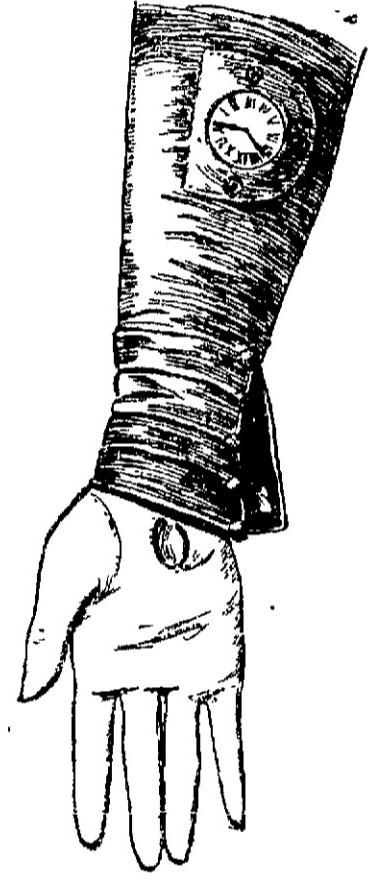
CUT FLOWERS.

How to Make Them Retain Their Beauty and Freshness.

Flowers treated properly can last and look well even after six weeks, thus taking from them their only reproach, and rendering them possible pleasure for the poorest. Every night take them out of the vases and thoroughly rinse the stalks under the tap, removing with the fingers any recomposed matter. Then place them to bed for the night in a basin of strong soapsuds. Be careful not to allow any water to touch the blossoms, as this only fades them. The soapsuds supply a certain amount of nourishment. In the morning rinse the stalks under the water again, and as each blossom is arranged for the day in the vase of fresh water strip off the tiniest possible portion of the stalk with a pair of scissors. Always carefully trim away any faded portion. Food for the day is supplied by sulphate of ammonia, a small quantity of which can be bought from the chemist for a few pence. If he knows his business, he will be able to tell you that sulphate of ammonia contains all the properties of good manure for keeping the blossoms alive. A few drops in each vase is quite sufficient; indeed, if you use the soapsuds at night, as well as the sulphate of ammonia in the day, some intervals must be spent by the flowers in nothing but clear cold water. It is possible to kill with kindness; remember. Put the flowers at night into some dark, cool place—say a scullery or pantry—as it is not good either for the flowers or the household that they should remain altogether in the living rooms. To revive flowers put them into warm salt water, to which has been added a few drops of sulphate of ammonia. To keep a spray of arranged flowers, place on damp cotton wool under a basin. This keeps the air away and preserves the blossoms. The fragile, delicate maiden hair fern is best treated in this way.

At Last a Pocket.

The originators of fashions have solved a problem which has puzzled women ever since women's watches were first made. They have decreed a new pocket for dresses. That pocket is a watch pocket, and it is located on the inner part of the left sleeve, mid-



SLEEVE POCKET.

way between the waist and the elbow. The little pocket, from the outside of which a circular piece the size of the watch face has been cut out, is conveniently seen and can be readily reached by the right hand. The flap of the pocket is padded with soft material, so there is practically no danger of breaking the watch. Many designs for beautifying the pocket are noticed. In most cases the rim of the circle through which the face shows is richly embroidered with gold or silver thread.

They make a beautiful picture upon the roads. Imagine an intensely blue sky above, with below rich green vegetables and startling dashes of scarlet, crimson, vermillion, orange and white from the flowers which seem to bloom the year through, setting off the bright hues of the costumes. It combines the picturesque side of New Orleans life, of Florida scenery, of the Maine Lake country and of the New Hampshire hills.

Beautiful Bed Hair.

Instead of being disatisfied with their lot, women with red hair should study how to use it becomingly and be proud of the distinction of having it. There appears to be an assumption among women with red hair that almost any shade of blue can be worn by them, because, as a usual thing, they have fair and delicate complexions. But, as a matter of fact, blue is the one color above others that ought to be avoided. The contrast is too violent and the combination is not harmonious. The shades most suitable to be worn with red hair are bright, sunny brown and all autumn leaf tints. After these may be selected pale or very dark green, pale yellow and black mingled with any other color. Mixed colors are not becoming to red haired people, as they nearly always give them a more or less dowdy appearance. In fact, red hair is usually so brilliant and decided that it must be met on its own ground, and no vague, undecided sort of things should be worn with it.

What Some Girls Do.

Here are a few unusual occupations recently developed by self-reliant young women:

One runs a blacksmith shop.

One goes out shampooing ladies' hair.

One does house-to-house mending and a bit of shopping.

One "suggests" tasteful fabrics and make-ups for wealthy women of no taste.

One goes about as a professional packer of ladies' trunks.

Several superintend the preparation of large fashionable dinners.

A number are well-known as professional dressmakers of houses cleaning establishments where lace, braids, pictures, etc., require much care.

Antiseptic Gloves.

In these days of bacilli and microbes one is constantly in danger of her life. To be handled change by a car conductor or a bundle of bills in a store is to be handled so many thousand germs of disease. But a remedy has been found by which Madame and Monsieur may be entirely immune from microbes. The antiseptic glove is the very latest fad among medical maniacs. They come in dainty kid and larger sizes for men.

A Royal Typewriter.

The czarina of Russia is of a practical turn of mind, and uses the typewriter with facility. She can type fifty words a minute. The frame of her machine is inlaid with mother of pearl, and the bars are of gold.

Times Change.

A bride always starts in by giving her husband half the clothes closet, but within three weeks all his clothes will be hanging on four nails.

CUIROUS CUSTOMS OF FEMALES IN THE LAND WHERE NO ONE WALKS.

They Ride to Church on Mules and Smoke Big Black Cigars—Some of Them Are Beautiful—Ribbons That Are Worn for Ornament—A Beautiful Pleasure.

No one ever walks in Porto Rico. The mule's the thing there. The women ride a great deal. The better classes use the English side saddle, although a few prefer the more picturesque and safer, but less graceful, Spanish saddle. In the country districts the pillion is occasionally employed, while among the lower classes many women ride astride without exciting comment. When the natives are both pretty and good riders they display considerable equitancy in the saddle.

I noticed one rider near Juana Diaz a writer says who took my mind back to the old days of chivalry. She was a lovely girl of about fifteen or sixteen, with a face like a madonna and a figure like an artist's model. One little foot crept out beneath her silk riding skirt, and to my surprise it was devoid of hose. The skin was like polished velvet, and was of a pinkish gold or an exquisite tint. It was shod with a slipper of satin or silk, embroidered in color, and had an arched instep which made the foot all the more charming by its setting.

The time to see the women at their best is on Sunday morning, when they ride from their homes to mass in the nearest church or cathedral. On one Sunday morning, while riding leisurely into a small village on my way to this town, I met a crowd of worshippers on their way to mass. Nearly all the women were on muleback and sat or lolled as if they were in an easy chair in their own homes. A few, probably wealthier than the others or else delicate in health, were accompanied by little dark boys, who held over them a parasol or an umbrella.

On Sunday each woman wears a huge rosary, sometimes so large as to be uncomfortable. I saw several that were so unwieldy that they went over the shoulders and formed a huge line, larger indeed than a string of sleigh bells. These are ornamental rosaries and are not used for prayer. The praying rosary is as small and dainty as those used by fashionable women in our own Roman Catholic churches. Besides the fan and the rosary every woman was provided with a neat and often handsomely bound prayer book and a huge lighted cigar or cigarette.

This is indeed the land for women who love the weed. A few smoke cigarettes and pipes, but a majority like partidas, perfecas, Napoleons and other rolls of the weed larger than those usually seen in our own land. They smoke them at home and in the streets, at the table or on the balcony, tying in hammocks, or lolling on their seats, and only desist when within the sacred walls of the church. The moment mass is over and they emerge into the sunlight, the first thing the women do is to light a fresh cigar and then climb into the saddle.

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PAPER WEIGHTS.

A paper weight that is beautiful is made by artistically arranging tiny sea-shells and mosses together and putting them beneath glass. These glasses can be bought either oval or square, and they magnify whatever is put beneath them. Take your glass and cut a piece of card-board around the hollow in the glass, and onto this card-board arrange as neatly as possible the tiny sprays of moss and of flowers. Have your variety of the smallest shells handy, also a candle and beeswax, and bind your shells with tweezers, and put the coarser end of it in the flame of the candle, just long enough for it to get warm, then have your wax made into little round wads, put the shells into this while they are warm, and when they are cold they will rest perfectly solid. With the little roseleaf shells you can put these leaves in out at a time, until you have a perfect little flower. The card-board is covered with little shell flowers, and pretty ends of mosses are put into the glass, and the bottom covered with felt. This is beautiful, and makes a useful paper weight as real as palmistry.

DO NOT RETIRE IN A BEDROOM IN WHICH GAS HAS BEEN BURNING FOR HOURS. PUT OUT THE LIGHT, THROW OPEN THE WINDOW AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE AND GET PLENTY OF OXYGEN BEFORE RETIRING. THEN LEAVE THE WINDOW SO THAT THERE IS CIRCULATION OF GOOD AIR ALL NIGHT LONG.

REGULAR HOURS FOR SLEEPING AND FOR EATING ARE THE BEST METHODS OF KEEPING PERTINACIOUS HEALTH. A DENTIST ON LOOKING AT A GIRL'S TEETH FOUND NO CAVITIES TO FILL. SHE ASKED IN SURPRISE: "HOW IS THAT?" HE REPLIED THAT SHE HAD PROBABLY BEEN SLEEPING REGULARLY, EIGHT HOURS A NIGHT, AND JOOKING ADDED THAT THERE IS A SCIENCE IN "TEETH READING."

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FOR THE GOLD STANDARD.

A Leading Declaration of the President's Message.

DEVELOPMENT OF CUBA.

A Suggestion That the Civil Features of the Government of the Island be Extended—The National Expansion Question Treated Cautiously—Congress Convenes.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—With flags floating in the breeze above the National Capitol, the White House and other public buildings, the city filled with lawmakers from every state in the Union, and the galleries crowded with spectators, Congress opened for the session of '99-1900. The throng of spectators, as usual was at the capitol early and the scramble for the best seats from which to watch the opening proceedings, was fierce from the time the doors opened until the galleries were completely filled. There was nowhere near sufficient seating capacity or standing room to accommodate those who wished to grace the occasion with their presence, and in consequence of this there were many who had to content themselves with waiting until the newspapers could tell them what had happened within the halls of Congress on the opening day.

Out of respect to the memory of the late Vice President Hobart the proceedings in both the House and Senate were made as brief as possible and after the swearing in of members and the allotment of seats an adjournment was taken until Tuesday. The drawing for seats in the House was attended with all its usual amusing features. The elite of the city and the nation were witnesses to the bits of pleasantry indulged in on the floor of the House, and many of the incidents were of such a humorous character that there was an almost continuous uproar of laughter during the two hours this pleasing feature of the "performance" was on.

What the President Recommends.

New York, Dec. 4.—A special room Washington to the New York World

"Washington, Dec. 4.—One of the most important features of the third annual message which President McKinley will send to Congress is the finances of the country. The suggestions of the President are distinctly in favor of a single standard. Gold will be the keynote of the Administration's plans for governmental purposes.

"The St. Louis platform of '96 is practically ignored and the most emphatic language is employed to make manifest the purposes of the President to stand unquestionably for currency reform upon a single standard. The construction of this part of the President's message has received more attention than all the other features combined."

"In dealing with national expansion the President exercises extreme caution, contenting himself with a historical narrative of the operations of the Government in attempting to reconstruct the governments of Cuba, Porto Rico, the Philippines, Hawaii and Guam. No reference is made to the treaty which the President has made with the Sultan of Sulu.

"No recommendations are made concerning the sort of government to be eventually established in the Philippines, and no reference is made to the existence of the so-called Filipino government.

"Regarding Cuba the President confines his recommendations to a further development of the government established there, suggesting an extension of the civil features of it which have already been experimented on. The President will say that the condition of the people of the islands is vastly better than it was before the advent of the United States.

"Porto Rico, he says, should have a territorial form of government similar to that enjoyed by Arizona, New Mexico and Alaska. The people of the island, while not capable of self-government, he says, are entitled to representation in Congress and such benefits as may accrue from a territorial form of government. The President will also suggest that more moderate tariff regulations be provided for Cuba and Porto Rico. He further declares in favor of laws designed to encourage the people of those islands to advanced industry, the free admission of agricultural implements and other articles necessary to develop their resources.

"Hawaii the President points to in his message as an example of what other colonies may become under favorable conditions. He suggests a liberal territorial form of government for the Pacific territory. Guam and the new Samoan Island which the United States has inherited do not come in for any particular attention at the hands of the President, he believing that they are both properly conducted.

"The most important of his reflections on the attitude of this Government toward others relates to the British-Boer troubles. He expresses his profound regret at the existence of this trouble, but skillfully avoids any comment that may be construed to reflect upon either Government.

"The President urges Congress to enact the Hanna-Payne shipping bill, which proposes a subsidy to vessels carrying American registry. He also suggests the necessity for the completion of the Isthmian canal as soon as possible."

Gage Advises on Financial Bill.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Republican members of the Senate Committee on Finance met Saturday afternoon to consider a financial bill. Senators Aldrich, Allison, Platt of Connecticut, Wolcott and Burrows were present, Mr. Platt, of New York, being the only absentee.

Secretary Gage went over the general situation with the committee, making various recommendations as to the details of the measure to be introduced.

One of the points discussed was the advisability of a general refunding of the bonded debt of the country at a lower rate of interest than now prevailing. The indications are that a feature of this kind will be incorporated in the Senate bill.

It can be definitely stated that the

Senate measure will make provision for the maintenance of the gold standard. It is also quite definitely understood that the Senate bill will be an entirely different measure from that prepared by the House Republicans Caucus Committee, in phraseology and detail, and cover some points not included in that measure.

THE SEARCH STOPS.

The Right Thing has been found. A Portsmouth Citizen Shows the Way.

Henderson Named by Acclamation.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The caucus of the Republican members of the House was brief. The selection of a candidate for Speaker by the party in power usually is an animated affair, but months ago all the other candidates who entered the field after the retirement of Speaker Reed abandoned the contest, leaving Colonel David B. Henderson of Iowa the unopposed candidate. His nomination therefore was a foregone conclusion, and he was named by acclamation. It also was decided, without a dissenting voice, to re-enact the rules laid down by former Speaker Reed.

The officers of the last House, except Colonel Russell, the Sergeant-at-Arms, were renominated without opposition, as follows: Clerk, Alexander McDowell of Pennsylvania; Doorkeeper, W. J. Glenn of New York; Postmaster, J. C. McElroy of Ohio, and Chaplain, the Rev. Henry Conder of Michigan.

Democrats Select Richardson.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Democrats of the House of Representatives at their caucus, held in the hall of Representatives, selected Representative J. D. Richardson of Tennessee as their candidate for Speaker after a spirited contest which lasted through six ballots. This carries with it the Democratic leadership on the floor. Mr. Richardson has served fourteen years in the House, and is the oldest Democratic member in point of service except Mr. McLane of Arkansas.

The candidates against Mr. Richardson were Representative De Armond of Missouri, Bankhead of Alabama and Sulzer of New York.

To Rush Molineux Trial.

New York, Dec. 4.—It is reasonably certain that the trial of Roland H. Molineux, which has now commenced in earnest before Recorder Goff, will not drag along as other celebrated cases have, but will be pushed to a

conclusion as quickly as possible.

Sheriff Puts a "Hobo" Out of Pleasant Winter Quarters.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 4.—A "hobo" who has been living in contentment in the cottage owned by H. B. Riggs, a New York merchant, at Cogneway, back of this village, for two months, has been forced to move by Sheriff Fitzroy, who, with his son Robert, made a call upon him.

The "hobo" at first acted as if his visitors had come to collect rent, but finally cooled down and moved out. He said his name was Charles Roberts, a Swede, of White Plains, and that, being out of work, he had settled down in the Rigg's cottage for the winter. He had a large supply of wood on hand and some straw for a bed. Providence, he said, was providing him generously with food.

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TUESDAY, DEC. 5, 1899.

Mark Hanna will not conduct the
next republican campaign. So that's
settled.

he ordering out of another division
of the British army shows that the war
department at London does not under-
rate the task before it in South Africa.

Now, don't give the army all the
credit for smashing the Atkinson-Ag-
uirre insurrection. The voters did a
great deal of the work at the polls on
Nov. 8.

The triple good understanding of
Great Britain, Germany and the United
States will not soon be popular with the
democratic party. It bafles their
scheme for purloining the German-
American vote.

The fellow who possesses only a thin
overcoat, the woman who owns only a
cloth jacket built for spring wear, and
the people who have small jags of wood
or coal should be thankful that they
live in the banana belt of the country.—
Stillwater Gazette.

How to dispose of Roberts, the Mor-
mon polygamist, is a problem that has
occupied a large share of the attention
of the press of the country for a year
past. The women have taken it up and
have pushed through their various orga-
nizations an agitation which favors the
exclusion of the man of many wives
from congress. The question must be
disposed of by the coming session of
congress, and probably no more sensational
one will come before that body.

The late news from Ladysmith, Ma-
king and Kimberley make it plain that
the Boers have failed to win even such
successes as it was expected they would
gain before the British reinforcements
could reach the seat of war. They have
proved even less efficient than was antici-
pated in the attack of fortified
places. They lack the equipment and
discipline necessary for warfare of that
character. They will probably show to
much better advantage in defense of their
towns of their own, in a stage of the
war that cannot now be far off.

CRUSHING CONSIDERABLE STONE.

Crushing stone has become quite an
industry at the South End. The crushing
at Ridge's works is now averaging
about forty tons daily and until within
a few days some seventeen to twenty
men were employed there. The stone
finds a ready sale among local people,
as well as to the contractors at the forts,
etc. The concreting of sidewalks is
also gradually increasing here, and
where a few years ago hardly a concrete
walk was in existence, today they are
largely used, as the cost is only about
two-thirds as much as brick. All these
industries being in the hands of local
men, tends to employ local people.

CLOSE WHIST GAME.

The Warner whist tournament con-
tinues to be interesting. On Monday
evening, in a nip-and-tuck game,
Drake and Tucker succumbed to Pick-
ering and Gould by the score of twenty
to nineteen, before quite a group of
onlookers. William Micott officiated as
referee and did it impartially and well.

Long and Drearly.
Father McSweeney—Dennis, if you
keep on in this way you will shorten
your days.

Dennis—Oi was t'inkin' that same
messel, father. Ol was sober two days
lastt wake and they war the longest
days of me life.

Boys of the Period.
"This lesson, children," the Sunday
school teacher said, "is about the fool-
ish virgins who took no oil in their
lamps."

"What was the matter with their
gas?" interrupted Tom-
my Tucker.

FROM MANILA.

MANILA, Dec. 4.—An Associated Press
despatch from Santa Cruz says that
General Young, with three troops of
the First cavalry, arrived there today.
The Americans found that about 600
rebels had evacuated the place thirty-
six hours before. The insurgents are
entrenched at Tagubin, on the north
side of the river. There are indica-
tions that the American prisoners, about
thirty in number, have been removed
to the province of Lepanto. Captain
Rumbold of Co. G, Thirty-second infan-
try, while escorting a signal corps from
Tora to Florida, charged and
routed about seventy insurgents, kill-
ing and capturing seven privates. The
Americans found the sword and revolver
of Naval Cadet Wood, who was killed
by the insurgents while in command of
the gunboat Urdaneta.

OPENING OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The two houses of congress were called to order at 12:30, noon, the senate by Mr. Frye of Maine and the house by its clerk, Mr. McDowell. The Roberts case was referred to a special committee. The congressman-elect from Utah was not permitted to take the oath of office. Appropriate tributes to the late Vice-President Hobart were presented in both bodies and both adjourned out of respect to his memory.

MOLINEUX TRIAL BEGINS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The actual trial
of Roland B. Molineux, charged with
causing the death of Mrs. Kate J. Ad-
ams by sending poison to Harry S.

Cornish, with intent to kill, was begun
here today. Twelve days have been
consumed in selecting a jury. Today's
session was largely occupied by the
opening address of District Attorney Os-
borne.

BIG FIRE IN CLINTON.

CLINTON, MASS., Dec. 4.—One of the
most disastrous fires in the history of
the town occurred here this afternoon.

It started in the Clinton theatre and
destroyed a block 12,000 feet square,
together with a dozen smaller buildings.

In all, property covering one
and a half acres was burned up. The
total loss will exceed \$150,000.

Help was summoned from neighboring towns
and the militia company was called out.

NEW CONSUL AT PRETORIA.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—It will not be
possible for Mr. Adelbert Hay to start
for Pretoria before next week. The
state department today made public
the following announcement: "The
president has appointed Adelbert S.
Hay to be United States consul at Pre-
toria."

DECLARED A DRAW.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—The fight be-
tween Frank Erne of Buffalo and Jack
O'Brien of this city ended in a draw
tonight, the men fighting twenty-five
rounds, at the light weight limit, before
the Corey Island Sporting club. The
decision was a fair and just one.

HOPES TO FIND AGGIE.

MANILA, Dec. 4, 11:00 p. m.—A des-
patch received here from Dagupan says
that General Young hopes to find
Aguinaldo in the Benguet pass and
capture him there.

AGAINST CLARK'S ELECTION.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—In the senate
today Mr. Carter of Montana intro-
duced a memorial from the Montanans

requesting the election of Clark.

He Was a Philosopher.

"She said her heart wasn't hers to
give me."

"What did you do?"

"I grabbed my hat and quit."

"You are an idiot. She meant that
you already had her heart."

"Do you think it? Well, I guess it's
all right, anyway. I never could get
along with a girl who can't talk com-
mon sense."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Right Tack.

"There's the smartest little woman
that ever took hold of this servant girl
problem," said the old gentleman,
pointing with pride to his only daughter.

"How's she going at it?"

"Gettin' up a popular song to idealize
dish washin'."—Detroit Free Press.

Knew Something Was the Matter.

"Your office boy tells me that he
walks in his sleep."

"Indeed?" replied the old merchant.
That probably explains why he insists
upon sitting round all the time he is
away."—Detroit Free Press.

Not an arrest and only three lodgers
were booked at the station house up to
midnight on Monday.

The schooner Herman F. Kimball,
Lane, arrived Dec. 5 from Perth Amboy
with coal for Exeter.

Eczema; scald head, itchiness of the
skin of any sort instantly relieved, per-
manently cured. Dr. Doan's Ointment. At
any drug store.

All druggists: soc. and sto.
SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, New York.

"This lesson, children," the Sunday
school teacher said, "is about the fool-
ish virgins who took no oil in their
lamps."

"What was the matter with their
gas?" interrupted Tom-
my Tucker.

Williams Indian Pitt.
Chambers is a rare
kind of oil. It is
a fine skin
tonic, stops Itch-
ing, gives relief
and so. At Druggist.

For Sale by George Hill, Druggist.

legislature against "the validity of the
pretended election of William A. Clark
to the senate."

THE BICYCLE RACE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Twelve of the
nineteen teams that started Sunday at
midnight in the six days' bicycle race
were tearing around the track at Madison
Square garden tonight and at a late
hour nine of the twelve men were pedaling
within one lap of each other, several
miles ahead of the best score ever
made by a single rider. The score at
twelve o'clock was as follows:

	Miles.	Laps.
Eaton and Walthour	506	8
Waller and Miller	506	7
Gimmo and Pierce	506	7
Mayo and McEachren	506	7
Aronson and Kremer	506	5
Fisher and Chevalier	506	
Babcock and Stinson	506	
Stevens and Forster	504	
Davidson and Boake	501	1
Thoms and Dickerson	487	9
The and Pastrane	462	9

WEATHER INDICATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Forecasts for
New England: Fair and continued cold
Tuesday and Wednesday, fresh westerly
ly to northerly winds.

THE PEARSON WILL.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 4.—The will of
John H. Pearson, millionaire, was pre-
sented in the probate court here this
afternoon.

PHILANTHROPY.

How One Millionaire Paid the
Church Debt.

He lives in Columbus, and is known
to have thousands. But his reputation
as a man of means justly deserves the
name of millionaire.

At a recent meeting of the trustees
of the Ohio Society for the Suppression
of Vice, he offered to pay the entire
amount of the church debt.

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HAD NARROW ESCAPES.

THEY WANTED TO LYNCH HIM.
Jersey Negro Has a Narrow Escape From Mob Violence.

"Fingerless Navigator" Tells of Thrilling Experiences.

MR. BLACKBURN RETURNS

He Comes Back to His Mother Country After Sailing Across the Atlantic in a Thirty-Foot Cutter—Slept Through the Afternoons and Sailed During the Nights.

New York, Dec. 4.—It may be recalled as one of the seaside excitements of last summer's gay season on the coast that the man who has earned the title of the "Fingerless Navigator"—Captain Howard Blackburn—sailed away for a voyage across the Atlantic. He sailed from Gloucester, Mass., receiving good-bys from 10,000 spectators, for Gloucester, England. His cutter was only 30 feet long over all, 4½ tons burden, 20 feet on the water line and of 4 feet draught.

What made this venture more perilous is that Blackburn has no fingers and no toes. He is a Captain Courageous, of whom Kipling might have written, had the author met the mariner in the codfish port of Massachusetts. For Blackburn was one of those fishermen on the Grand Banks whom Kipling has described so vividly and whose outgoings and homecomings make so large a part of the joys and sorrows of Gloucester.

It was on one of his excursions in a dory, searching for cod, that Blackburn and a mate were separated from their schooner. It was a chill winter day, and their only hope was to row for the shore of Newfoundland. They rowed hard and fast, but the chill of death overtook the mate. Blackburn rowed steadily on, inspired by the instinct of self-preservation. His fingers, soaked with salt spray, froze to the ears. He wrenched them away and with his knife cut off the frozen fingers. His toes froze in the icy water in the bottom of the dory. He amputated them also. For five days and nights, without food or water, he maintained this fearful struggle for existence, until he reached the land and found succor.

When at last he came back to Gloucester Blackburn found himself a hero, who was maimed and penniless. He earned his living in various pursuits connected with the fishing trade until he conceived the idea of sailing all alone clear across the sea to England. The love of the Atlantic, despite its ill usage, moved him. He felt the confidence needed for such a venture, and he devoted all his time to building this tiny craft, which he christened the Great Eastern.

He just has returned to New York, not in his little craft, but in the steamship Umbria, and spins an interesting yarn about his voyage. His trip was sixty-one days long. He was absolutely alone, else he might have crossed in better time. He said:

"I had to heave to every time I wanted to light a pipe or go down into the cabin, so as one can see, time was lost in this way. Then again, I was hindered by head winds and rough weather. The boat was built especially for the trip, but, of course, she shipped water at one time or another. When it began to blow I fastened the cabin door and locked my legs about the binnacle and went ahead."

"When I was near the American coast, and again when I was nearing England, I slept in the afternoon and at night. I had to care for myself. I had two narrow escapes from being run down. Once, in the fog off Newfoundland, I was in the cabin, when I heard escaping steam. I grabbed the fog horn and ran on deck."

"When I got there I fell and broke the horn. At the same time a big steamship skinned past, so close that the water from the propeller was hurled on the deck. Another time off Sable Island I was passed at night by a steamship so close that it looked at first as though my trip was over."

"I kept a dead reckoning all the time, now and then, of course. I took observations. I had plenty of food, most of it being in cans and requiring very little cooking. I cooked my meals on a little oil stove. When I arrived on the other side, I had enough food left over to last me ninety days longer."

"I had intended to have a sail on the Mediterranean, but I had rheumatism, and the doctors ordered me to give up the sea. I sold the Great Eastern and came home on the Umbria."

Must Pay Tax on Dogs.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 4.—The Georgia House of Representatives has passed by a large vote a bill taxing all dogs in the state over four months old \$1 and \$1.50 each. Each dog is to be provided with a brass check by the collector, and if a canine parades without one he is to be put to death. For thirty years there have been efforts to get such a bill through the General Assembly. It is intended as protection for the sheep-raising industry.

President Dole Saves a Life.

Honolulu, Nov. 22, via Victoria, B. C., Dec. 4.—President Dole and the Cabinet granted a reprieve in the case of Ibara, a native who was under sentence to hang on Sunday, December 3. Ibara was convicted under Hawaiian law which a majority verdict of the jurors is accepted in criminal cases. This is held to be in conflict with American law.

Russian Crew Sails for New York. Southampton, Dec. 4.—The American line steamer St. Louis, which has sailed for New York, had among her passengers sixty Russian sailors and two Russian officers, part of a crew to take home one of the finished Russian cruisers built in Philadelphia.

Child Born With Teeth. Suffolk, Va., Dec. 4.—The wife of Jason Roan, an aged resident of Nansemond County, has given birth to her twenty-eighth child. It is a lusty infant and has two front teeth.

Great Damage By Tidal Wave. Santiago, Chile, Dec. 4.—A tidal wave caused considerable damage on the coast Saturday, destroying houses, boats and other property along the shore.

HIS ACUTE FEELING.

WONDERFUL PERCEPTION OF A TOTALLY BLIND MAN.

His Faculties Are So Keen That He Is at no Disadvantage in Selecting Goods or Changing Money—In Eternal Night.

John H. McMullin is a grocer in New Independence. There is nothing strange in such a place, matter of fact announcement, but he is a blind man and a wonderful one at that. McMullin is totally blind, and yet he watches over his little store and waits on his trade with even more dexterity and accuracy than many shopkeepers who have both their eyes to help them. It makes no difference what one wishes to buy or in what part of the store it happens to be, the blind storekeeper is after it in an instant. It is taken from the shelf, and wrapped in a neat bundle so quickly that one, although he knows of the man's affliction, finds himself dubbing his own knowledge.

A reporter for "The Star" visited the McMullin store last week. He found it only a short walk east of the Union Avenue station on the Independence electric line, just before the Independence terminus of the line is reached. The store is not large. About its walls are arranged in regulation grocery style shelves, and upon them are the usual supplies found in such a place, and on the outside of the counter are inclines and the customary four barrels. Besides groceries he carries a small stock of notions.

In the rear of the store stood McMullin. His eyes are as clear and apparently as good as anybody's. There is no cast or bluish tint to indicate their unfortunate condition. They are brown, with a slight droop to the eyelids. He was not cast down, but quite the opposite, and when asked if he was quite blind, he replied with a smile:

"Yes, absolutely. Should an arc light be flashed in my face I would not know it. The sunshine is unknown to me, except by its warmth. It's night with me all the time—eternal night." Women have, as a rule, according to Sir Edmund Wilson, much coarser hair than men.

It is the popular belief that a holly bush planted near a dwelling protects the house from lightning.

The black jagua of Central America will attack a man by night or day whom he finds lying down.

Queen Victoria pays over \$1 a pound for her tea, which is bought at a small shop in the West End of London.

Pavisters and commissioning officials of the German army receive special training in examining the quality of food supplied to the army.

The copper production of the United States in the current year was the largest ever recorded in a single year.

The wood on the back of a sheep is a shepherd's barometer. The earlier the wood the finer will be the weather.

Japanese workmen are obliged to wear on their caps and backs an inscription stating their business and their employer's name.

One worm has turned. An invention has been completed by which the long-suffering drug store directory can only be consulted by dropping a penny in a slot.

Freedom, a paper published in the Philippines, has an editorial calling for the arrest of bicycile "searchers."

The Chicago University had a total enrollment last year of 2,053 students, and its enrollment for the regular school year of nine months was 1,942.

The wild horse of Arabia will not admit a tame horse among them, while the wild horses of South America endeavor to decoy domesticated horses from their masters and seem eager to welcome them.

Since the beginning of this century no fewer than fifty-two volcanic islands have arisen out of the sea. Nineteen have disappeared and ten are now uninhabited.

Moustaches among women are commoner at the present time than they used to be. In Constantinople and Madrid one woman out of every ten has a distinct mustache.

A French scientist has made some plants "artificially Alpine" by keeping them in an ice box all night and exposing them to the full action of the sun during the day.

It is stated on German authority that 2,000,000 glass eyes are made every year in Germany and Switzerland, while one French house manufactures 300,000 annually.

It is difficult to purchase a wildcat skin worth strolling in Newfoundland, as the hunter cuts off the snout in order to prove his claim to the bounty offered for the destruction of these pests.

One million and a half of men work in the coal mines of the world. Of these Great Britain has 335,000, United States 300,000, Germany 285,000, Belgium 100,000, Russia 44,000. The world's miners of metal number 4,000,000.

A smokeless coal is promised very shortly. It is made of 93 per cent. of coal dust and 7 per cent. of tar and caustic lime. The latter mixture forms a bright-burning gas, and thus prevents the generation of smoke.

The latest thing in company promoting comes from Paris, where a dog's cemetery has been floated with a capital of \$14,000. The promoters are ladies.

The results of recent drilling in Borneo have caused many persons to think that Borneo will prove to be the richest petroleum field in the world.

Napoleon III's last dwelling place and the scene of his death, Camden House, Cheltenham, has been destroyed, and with its beautiful grounds, is to serve as a golf links.

Gambling in France is said to have reached such proportions that the government has begun to study the question seriously. It is estimated that half of the suicides in Paris are due to losses at the races.

In proportion to population, North Berwick is said to be the wealthiest town in Scotland. It has an annual value of real property per inhabitant of about \$60.

A new way of blasting rock is to place a cartridge of water in a shot-hole and convert it into steam instantly by electricity. This method is especially applicable in coal mines.

Among the political workers who secured the election of Senator Lucius Baker, of Kansas, was his daughter, Miss Lucien Baker, a Vassar graduate, who was an active supporter of her father.

The Filipinos copy after the Spanish and English in the matter of dress, as far as their means will permit. This may procure for them the desired coat and trousers, white shoes and hats will be of the native style.

A Bath (England) gardener, fifty-three years old, was found by the corner to have swallowed two small bottles of medicine whole, rubber corks and all. They were beyond his power of digestion and peritonitis set in.

A favorite dish with the Eskimos is an ice cream made of seal oil, into the same people.

RICH IN MINERALS.

Canadian Explorer Discovers Great Wealth on Shores of Hudson Bay.

P. Low, of the Dominion Geological Survey, the intrepid explorer of Labrador, has just returned from the eastern shore of Hudson Bay, where he has been making official and scientific explorations for the Government during the past eighteen months. A sufficient announcement has been made by the Federal authorities to indicate that most important discoveries have been made by Mr. Low, but the details of them will not be given to the public until the official report of the exploration is in the hands of the Government.

Mr. Low admits that a portion of the east shore line of Hudson Bay is rich in minerals, and a portion of it is declared to be about the most highly mineralized territory in the world.

A Boston company has already filed a claim with the Department of the Interior for the mining rights in a portion of the territory in question. Dr. Pelet and E. C. Brown, of that city, have already been prospecting for the interested persons on that part of the coast which is known as East Main, between Cape Jones and Little Whale River. They state that this district abounds in gold, copper, silver and iron. The latter is in immense quantities, is found everywhere throughout. Pure antimony is also discovered, containing 93 per cent. of carbon.

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NEW HACKS, FOR WEDDINGS AND
OTHER PARTIES

THE BROWNING 1-2-3.

SALE AND LIVERY BUSINESS

THE HERALD.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5, 1893.

AROUND THE CITY.

There will be less building going on in the city this winter than for several years past, according to the statement of one of the leading contractors to the Herald on Monday. The great increase in the price of materials is responsible for the abandoning of plans by many for the erection of homes. Most building materials have advanced at least 50 per cent from the prices of one year ago and the prices on some stuff, such as heating apparatus, are nearly 300 per cent above the prices two years ago. Nothing but actual necessity will cause one to think of building at such rates and very little work other than repairing and jobbing will be done.

Something new for this city is a display of millinery for dolls, in a window of a store on Market square, a store that also supplies the headgear for the fair sex. These miniature affairs are made up in the neatest and most attractive designs and excellently like the real articles. In the center of the window is a big doll and this and the little affairs in hats attract the greatest attention from the children, and the older folks as well. The prices for these handsome delights of the little girls range from 13 cents to a dollar and are made for the Christmas trade. Happy will be the child who will be the possessor of one of these hats and the doll to go with it.

The annual output of calendars has begun and it will be but a short time when the fiend will be in his glory, with an itinerary that will embrace every store and office in the city and make him the bore that he will be and cause him to be "cussed" no more than he deserves. Those who use newspapers for advertising purposes will have no need of using calendars for such an object, but calendars seem to have come to stay, while the bore will stay longer.

One has only to glance at the store windows about the city to be convinced of the fact that we are in the holiday part of the year. Even thus early, if it may be called, there is beginning to be shown a sort of Christmas embellishment that reminds one of the approach of that happy Christmas festival, with its gift-giving gaiety. The weather today reminds one, too, that we may expect more seasonable winds and snow before long.

Portsmouth merchants are preparing for one of the greatest holiday seasons in the history of the city. They feel that the encouraging industrial outlook will have a great tendency to stimulate trade, and in consequence will have the finest display of holiday goods ever shown in the city. They also hope and expect that the people of the city will trade at home and not be deluded into paying carfare out of town with the idea that better bargains will be found, for too often has this mistake been made.

These are harvest days for the coasters. Most of the schooners that run into this port have made more money in the last month than in all the rest of the season, because of the big freights they are getting. The coasters are in a position to make their own price. In the first place there is a scarcity of vessels. Then nobody would dare charter them with a demurrage clause for they are likely to have to wait weeks before they can get coal. So the last trips have been very profitable for the coasters.

"When you use a revenue stamp of larger denomination than 10 cents, after this," said Collector Wood this morning, "don't forget to observe the new regulation which requires that the person using or affixing the same shall, in addition to writing or stamping thereon with ink the initials of his name and date when affixed, mutilate said stamp by cutting three parallel incisions lengthwise through the stamp, beginning not more than one-fourth of an inch from one end thereof, and extending to within one-fourth of an inch of the other end."

Quite a number of local storekeepers received a surprise party Monday in the shape of a notice from insurance agents of a raise in their rates because they allowed taxes and rubbish to accumulate about their premises. In some cases the raise was fifty cents on a thousand.

"BROWNING" DEPARTMENT OF GRAFFORT CLUB MEET.

The Browning class of the Graffort club met with Miss Thatcher, at her home on Islington street on Monday afternoon, from four to six o'clock. A large number of members were present and the time was very pleasantly and profitably spent.

WAITING ROOM ON FIRE.

More Property Narrowly Escaped Destruction on Monday.

At about 1:30 o'clock on Monday afternoon, a fire was discovered under the steps of the waiting room of the Portsmouth, Kittery and York railway on Badger's island, and how the fire started is a mystery. It is believed to have been of incendiary origin.

When first seen the fire was going in good shape and nothing but the prompt work of the manager, Mr. Harry Chick, and Mr. Charles Trefethen, prevented the destruction of considerable property.

The fire was in a bunch of oily waste and when first seen the waiting room was temporarily closed while the manager was at lunch between car times. Mr. Trefethen was passing over the bridge between the island and Kittery on his way to the ferry landing. He saw the smoke pouring from under the steps and at once aroused the vicinity with his shouts of "fire." Mr. Chick at once responded to the call and he and Mr. Trefethen set to work to extinguish the blaze.

They pulled the burning waste from beneath the steps and with water stopped the fire where it had communicated with the woodwork. The burning waste was thrown off the pier into the river.

There are circumstances that will be thoroughly investigated by the officials. Following so closely as it does on the destruction of the steamer New-Hampshire on Thanksgiving night, it has created a desire on the part of the public to know if the old ferry craft was not set on fire.

NO AGREEMENT.

Fair Offer of the P. A. A. Not Accepted by the Woods.

Captain Ira Newick, of the Portsmouth Athletic Association football team, and Capt. Frank Woods, of the Woods team, came to the Herald office at 7:30 o'clock, on Monday evening, and discussed the challenge issued by Capt. Newick to the Woods team, on Monday evening, for a matched game between the two elevens. A half dozen witnesses were present. After a half hour's talk, the matter was called off, probably for good, because no agreement could be reached.

The Herald was requested to publish the following communication relative to the matter:

To the Public: The captains of the two football teams met on Monday evening, in the Herald office, and tried to come to some understanding regarding the challenge issued by the P. A. A. to the Woods team. The conditions of the challenge were that the game should take place on some day of this week and be for \$100 a side. Those conditions were not accepted by the captain of the Woods team, but he said that if P. A. A. wanted a game, it must be for \$300. The P. A. A. representative promptly guaranteed to bring that sum to the Herald office, within half an hour, and post it. Thereupon, the captain of the Woods team made a new proposition, as follows: P. A. A. was to post \$500 and the Woods team nothing, and if the Woods team won they should take the \$500 and the gate receipts, while if P. A. A. won, they were to take the glory and have the privilege of raking back their own five hundred. Of course, such a ridiculous proposition could not be considered.

Then the P. A. A. representative offered to play for money or marbles, but this was refused, so the negotiations were off. It may be added that the P. A. A. prefer to settle the controversy on the football field, instead of prolonging it in the newspapers. None of the communications which have appeared in several of the papers within the past few days have been prompted in any way by any member of the team.

SHOWING THEIR SKILL.

Portsmouth Navy Yard Mechanics Cover Themselves With Glory.

Four handsome ship models have just been completed by the construction department of the navy yard for the use of the cadets at Annapolis. They will be on exhibition at the office building for a few days preparatory to shipment to the naval academy.

They are known as section models and are made to show all the plates, beams, angles, brackets etc., that form the structural portion of a ship, and the method of connecting them. Sections of the gunboats Bancroft and Annapolis are shown one eighth full size and a section and bow model of the new battleship Alabama, one-twelfth full size.

These are the first models of this kind constructed at the yard, and are a credit to the shops engaged on them, the foundry, the pattern shop and the painters' department. The cost is understood to have been about \$250 each.

Quite a number of local storekeepers received a surprise party Monday in the shape of a notice from insurance agents of a raise in their rates because they allowed taxes and rubbish to accumulate about their premises. In some cases the raise was fifty cents on a thousand.

The Browning class of the Graffort club met with Miss Thatcher, at her home on Islington street on Monday afternoon, from four to six o'clock. A large number of members were present and the time was very pleasantly and profitably spent.

struction devolved upon John A. George of Portsmouth, while Master Workmen Connors, Brown, Trefethen and Ball did their work in a thorough manner.

CITY BRIEFS.

No police court this morning. The small boy is anxious to try his skates.

There is a frequent buzz of the politicians.

Such weather as this is killing the length of the winter.

The pigskin will now probably be given a much needed rest.

Kittery is all agog over the rumors that are in circulation there.

Conner, photographer studio, (formerly Nickerson's) No. 1 Congress street.

The "S. G" Londres is made of the choicest stock and is the best ten cent cigar in the market.

Mr. C. A. Paige, the advance agent of the Jessie Harcourt company, here next week, arrived in town today.

The night patrolmen had to keep on the move on Monday evening and their heavy blasters were none too warm.

Rubber heels become very popular and John G. Mott is fitting out the local public with an excellent article

Call at Banford's Quick Lunch Rooms for your celebrated Fried Clams also Shocked Clams and Clams in Shell and Bataables of all kind. No. 70 State street

For a thoroughly first class, bright, clean and wholesome comedy drama, The American Girl, which plays at Music hall, on December 7th, is conceded by press and public alike to be the peer of all. It's only appearance here will be on the above date, when the usual capacity business is to be expected.

Dewey's Reception is about as brisk a thing as is being paraded in the glimmer of the footlights. It deserved a much larger audience than greeted it on Monday evening. It is full of pop and sizzle from start to finish and gives old "Dull Care" a knockout blow which puts him to sleep for two and a half hours.

A SUCCESSFUL MANAGER.

It is rumored that a man who has recently figured prominently in liquor raids, and whom the police authorities will not allow to do business, has procured warrants against four prominent saloons, and says if he cannot sell them shall not. He says he is waiting another raid, when he will then see what he can accomplish in another direction.

The price of gulls' wings and breasts has been steadily declining and now the business of shooting them is much less remunerative along the coast than it was a few weeks since. The practice of such ruthless shooting as has been carried on during the past few months, if continued, would soon have completely exterminated the birds from this coast, simply to satisfy a fad, which will hold for a time and then be discarded for some other, and possibly less cruel.

PERSONALS.

Rev. Henry E. Hovey is a visitor in Boston.

Mrs. Andrew P. Preston is on a visit to New York city.

John H. Bartlett, Esq., is in Concord today on business.

Lawyer George L. Parker was in Boston on business, Monday.

Archie Moynahan has returned from a visit in and around Boston.

George S. Carpenter of Boston was in town on Monday on business.

Charles Payne returned to his studies at New Hampshire college Monday.

Miss Nettie Moulton of the depot left Monday on a vacation of several weeks.

Mrs. Will Rogers is the guest of Captain and Mrs. Fred Duncan at Crescent Beach, Mass.

Samuel Bell of Deerfield was a visitor in town on Monday and stopped at the Rockingham.

C. Fred Duncan was in town Monday but returned to his business in Lyon on the Yankee.

Over visitors here today were Norman Steavey, Frederick Smith, I. C. Tasker and I. Smith Brewster.

Miss Ruth B. Law, who has been the guest of relatives in town, left Monday for her home in Fair Haven, Conn.

The engagement of Miss Renal B. Foster of South Eliot and Mr. Edward Sweeney, chief master-at-arms, N. S. N. is announced, the marriage to take place in the near future.

Miss Edith Ormsby of Casper, Wyoming, will be the guest of Miss Julia Dornborn Moses, this winter, and will assist Miss Moses, as pianist, during the dancing season.

DECREASE IN REVENUE.

The internal revenue collections for this district, which comprises the states of Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont for the month ending Nov. 30, 1893, were \$86,308.08. For the corresponding month of last year, the collections were \$91,272, showing a decrease of \$5,924.

Bodily pain loses its terror if you've a bottle of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil in the house. Instant relief in cases of burns, cuts, sprains, accidents of any sort.

Fistulence is cured by BEECHAM'S PILLS.

THEATRICAL HAPPENINGS.

DEWEY'S RECEPTION IS A HUMMER.

Dewey's Reception is advertised simply as something to make playgoers laugh. It succeeded so very admirably here on Monday evening that those who saw it produced in Music hall have hardly done laughing yet. It is certainly a rollicking piece, put on by a company that improves every opportunity to make mirth.

The Donovans, James and Fannie, are widely known as belonging among the leading fun-makers now on the road. All the people they have gathered around them this season combine to render them most satisfactory support.

The several component parts of this lively cast are, besides the Donovans, Joseph M. Allen, William B. West, William Murray, Maude Harvey, Frances L. Henry, and the Howards, Blanche and Maud. Merriment scintillates from this roisterie as sparks fly from a comet's hat on a racket.

There isn't a tedious wait in the whole show. When nothing else is doing somebody bobs up with an entertaining specialty. Especially conspicuous in this line are the Howards, the Donovans, Allen and West and Miss Harvey.

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ASSEMBLY IN CONSERVATORY HALL.

Mr. Gerald B. Whitman gave an other of his enjoyable dancing assemblies in Conservatory hall on Monday evening and although only a small party was present owing to numerous other attractions, it was none the less enjoyable. Conservatory orchestra furnished the music.

JIM AT YORK.

Beach View Buildings Burned There On Monday Night.

The Beach View buildings at York Beach situated near the Sea Cottage on Long Beach, were totally destroyed by fire at about 11 o'clock on Monday night. The cottage, where the fire started, was not occupied and the origin of the fire is not known. The loss on the buildings is about \$3000, and whether insured, is not known.

The buildings were owned by two ladies named Goodwin, of Lynn, Mass.

REVIVAL MEETINGS.

The meeting at the Pearl street church last evening was one of deep interest. Rev. Mr. Gilkey preached a searching sermon from Isa. 3:10, 11, "Say ye to the righteous that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him; for the reward of his hands shall be given him." At the opening of the service tonight Mr. Gilkey will sing a gospel solo.

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